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Applicants: SEUL, Michael, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/448,420  
Filed: November 23, 1999  
For: **COLOR-ENCODING AND IN-SITU INTERROGATION OF  
MATRIX-COUPLED CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS**  
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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 17, 19-21, 23, 25-29, 36, 56, 58-60, 62-66 and 72, without prejudice.  
Please add new claims 74 to 97 as follows:

74. A method of identifying a compound having a selected property of interest in a library of compounds, each of said compounds being bound to its respective solid support, and

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